

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-16, 18-20, 22-37, 39-41, 43-58, 60-62 and 64-81* were pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly eight distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and has required restriction to one of those inventions.**

Applicants' Response

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group VI (claims 16, 37 and 58) for examination in the above-identified patent application. (This Reply is accompanied by an Amendment and Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b).) Applicants hereby respectfully reserve the right to pursue the inventions

* The Examiner inadvertently listed claim 59 as still pending in this patent application. However, claim 59 was cancelled in a Reply to Office Action as filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2002 and resubmitted by facsimile on October 1, 2002.

** Applicants respectfully submit that aspects of the Examiner's grouping of claims are inaccurate. However, since the claims are set forth correctly in the elected claim group, applicants will not burden the Examiner at this time with arguments in connection with the groupings of claims. Applicants reserve the right to clarify the record in the future, if necessary.

of the non-elected groups, as originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

A prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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